ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. I have received notice of a motion for adjournment of the business of the House from Mr. S. Narayana Pillai. It reads—

> "I beg leave to move for the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the excessive exportation of aloe yarn from Travancore to various places outside the State which is liable to affect thousands of labourers engaged in the manufacture of camouflage nets for war purposes."

Is aloe fibre used for camouflage nets for war purposes?

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

PRESIDENT: Quite recently I saw certain notifications from the Government of India. The matter will be looked into immediately. Now does the honourable member want any time to move his motion?

MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: No. Sir.

DEMAND VIII—ELECTRICITY AND TELEPHONE—Rs. 23,22,578—(contd.)

Motion No. 6—(contd.)

MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN: സർ, പറവൂരിൽനിന്നും ഫസ്റ്റ മൈൽ അകലെയാണ ടെലഫോടതി സ്ഥിതി ചെയ്യുന്നത്. ആ കാരണം കൊണ്ടും കൂടാതെ ഞാൻ ഇന്നലെ പറഞ്ഞ കാരണങ്ങൾ കൊണ്ടും ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവണ്മെൻറും എലക്ട്രിക്കൽ എഞ്ചിനീയരും അവിടെ ഒരു പബ്ലിക് കാൾ ആഫീസ് സ്ഥാപിക്കുന്നതരണമെന്ന് ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ട കൊണ്ട ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ അനുകൂലിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: I support the motion to point out the necessity for having a public call office at Attingal, the importance of which cannot be overestimated.

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON (*Electrical Engineer to Government*): Sir, the work in connection with the extension of the telephone line to Parur has already been sanctioned by Government and included in the budget for the next year. The extension to Palai is already in progress and will be completed in a month or so. The extension to Muvattupuzha has been completed. The following public call offices were opened during the current year, one in Kallar, one in Neriamangalam, one in Chavara, one in Munnar and one in Muvattupuzha. The idea of Government is to gradually extend the telephone line to all the important industrial and commercial centres in the State; but the programme will naturally require very careful consideration at every stage, having regard to the present abnormal rise in the prices of materials. Whatever estimates that may have been framed a year or two ago will no longer be valid on account of the very large increase in the price of materials and the difficulty in getting those materials also now. For instance in the current year's budget, there was a provision of Rs. 1½ lakhs for opening new telephone lines; but we had to abandon all that programme because

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